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SCHOOL DOESN'T RECALL OSWALD

Principal, Students Can't Remember Him

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Miss Amy H. Hinrichs, retired principal at Warren Easton High School, thought for a moment.

"I can't recall the name, Lee Oswald," she said slowly. "And, usually, I do have a pretty good memory of my students.

"You just can't think that someone could have done something like assassinating President Kennedy. He must have been ill-adjusted, especially the way he flitted from parents to relatives."

This was a typical comment on Lee Harvey Oswald, the self-confessed Marxist who is charged in Dallas, Tex., with killing down President Kennedy and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally.

"Flit," was an apt description of Oswald . . . at least, schoolwise.

He transferred into Beauregard Junior High School in 1954 from Public School 44 in New York, N. Y. At Beauregard, according to Orleans Parish school board records, he was a below average student.

Oswald entered Warren Easton Sept. 8, 1955.

He filled out a questionnaire. Under favorite subjects, he listed civics, mathematics and science. His vocational choices were biology and mechanical drawing.

LISTS FRIENDS 'NONE'

Under favorite pastimes, Oswald listed reading and outdoor sports, such as football.

Asked to name any close personal friends at Easton, he listed "none."

Despite his "below average" student status at Beauregard, Oswald scored handsomely on cooperative achievement tests administered at Easton. He scored 83 percentile in reading, an avocation which he apparently enjoyed, and 85 in vocabulary. In test scoring, 55 per cent is considered average.

According to Easton records, his mother wrote a letter dated Oct. 5, 1955, saying that the family was leaving for San Diego, Calif. However, six months later, Easton officials received a letter requesting his transcript from a Ft. Worth, Tex., high school.

According to Oswald's answer

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that he had no personal friends at Easton. The Times-Picayune called student after student in the 1955 circa and none recalled him. Probably best illustrating the answers given was this one: "I never even knew he went to Easton."

Edward Collier, a classmate of Oswald at Beauregard Junior High School, described the accused slayer thusly:

"He just didn't get along with the others, you'd have to say he was a loner.

"As I recall, we called him Yank, because he had a Yankee accent.

"He got in a series of fights. One of his opponents was John Neumeyer, owner of the Sands Lounge in Jefferson Parish. 'What did we fight about?' Neumeyer repeated a question. 'I don't know exactly. But we fought on the side of the school. But we fought a little.'

"He was quiet. Went to classes and didn't get into any trouble except those fights.

"I don't remember anyone hanging around with anyone. He didn't have any buddies."

The chunk of [illegible] which [illegible] Oswald [illegible] stamped:

"[illegible] Core public relations [illegible] of the [illegible] Mart" resulted an encounter this summer here with Oswald.

"My Alice and I were coming back from lunch one afternoon," he said, "and this fellow turned out to be Oswald handing out Fair Play for Cuba leaflets.

HAD ACTIVE SUMMER HERE

"I took the leaflet, looked at it and said to Alice, 'look at this Communist stuff.' I threw it down, but then thought again and picked it up.

"Why was he handing out leaflets in front of the Mart? I would say that it was because he was protesting our flying of the Cuban flag at night. We did this he [illegible] of the Bay of Pigs incident.

"[illegible] leaflets [illegible] there, because the Mart [illegible] Fair Play for Cuba Committee [illegible]

Oswald's other active summer in New Orleans. He applied for a visa to the United States on July 21 and was grilled about his Fair Play for Cuba organization.

Here are some revealing parts of the transcript, as transcribed from Oswald's own words on the program.

"[illegible] It is correct I lived in Russia for three years, and because of this fact, it gives me excellent qualifications to repeat charges that Cuba and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is Communist controlled.

"The Fair Play for Cuba Committee [illegible] the name implies [illegible] Americans [illegible]

WON'T TELL MEMBERSHIP

"[illegible] I [illegible] membership. It is standard operating procedure for a political organization composed of a political minority to safeguard the names and the number of its members.

Asked if he was a Marxist, Oswald said, "Yes, I am a Marxist."

Questioned about the difference between a Marxist and a Communist, Oswald said: "The difference is primarily between a country like Guinea, Guinea, Yugoslavia, China or Russia. Very, very great differences. Differences which we [illegible] could be giving aid, let's say, to, let's say, Yugoslavia in the sum of $100 million or so dollars per year.

"Many parties, many countries are based on Marxism. Many countries, such as Great Britain, display very socialistic [illegible] and characteristics. I [illegible] the socialistic [illegible]

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[illegible] Fidel Castro [illegible] Fidel Castro had labeled President Kennedy as a "ruffian and a thief." Did Oswald agree with this?

"I would not agree with that particular wording," Oswald answered. "However, I and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee do think that the United States government, through certain agencies, namely the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, has [illegible] take at its doors the actions which are putting Cuba into the sphere of activity of less than a very degenerate Communist country as China is."

COULDN'T DEBATE

Edward Scaife Butler, executive director of the Internal Security Council for the Americas, was on the panel with Oswald. He said of him, "He couldn't debate. Very well when the arguments got past the slogans he [illegible] at [illegible]."

Butler thinks the Oswald story goes much deeper than it appears on the surface. "There was a plan. Some American agent [illegible]

[illegible] of refugees — doctors, lawyers, laborers, dockhands — to record their voices for the council. Everywhere I have heard the same stories of dehumanized Communists who consider themselves as immoral gods with the negative power to give, or take a human life.

"I have had only to stick [illegible] Oswald a few minutes to know that he was like that."

WDSU's Sid Salter, [illegible] the night of [illegible] as a [illegible] assigned to me to [illegible] of Oswald as a dangerous crackpot. I got him down as [illegible] way out a nut."

An observer at the debate was Butler's younger brother, Rhett, a Tulane University law student.

"It was impossible not to notice that his (Oswald's) handshake was without exuberance.

"It would appear that Oswald never had a job which required him to use his hands. They were soft and clammy," the student recalled.

To Rhett, the conservatively dressed pro-Castroite first appeared a little nervous, but fluent and eager to talk.

"But [illegible]

[illegible] Oswald [illegible] Oswald.

Are you the same Lee H. Oswald who spent two years in Russia?"

'BOLT OF LIGHTNING'

Edward Butler had done some inquiring in Washington, and learned of Oswald's attempt at renouncing citizenship and his stay in Russia.

"It was like a bolt of lightning," Rhett said, "which turned Oswald's face red and started him nervously nodding his head forward, trying to answer the question before it was completely asked.

"I was very surprised that this question caught Oswald so off guard. It seemed as if he believed no one would ever expose him.

"Before and in the debate, he seemed to show particular animosity toward my brother Edward.

"At the time of the debate it did not worry me.

"He seemed so harmless."

Carlos Bringuier, the anti-Castro leader who scuffled with Oswald and was an interrogator on the radio program, Saturday reemphasized that he is not accusing Oswald of the murder of President Kennedy.

SAYS COURTS TO ACT

"The [illegible] and the United States courts are the one who have to prove if Oswald is the killer or if he is not," said Bringuier.

His comment came after he was approached at his place of business by a middle-aged man who accused him of "blaming an innocent man."

Bringuier says he accuses Oswald only of being a pro-Castro agent in the United States.

"I will assure this forever," he said, "and if he is the man who killed President Kennedy, you will find behind him Fidel Castro's hands. There have been 10,000 deaths by the Communist regime in Cuba. 20,000 Cubans now suffer in prison, and I will not fear the intimidations from those who say I am lying about Mr. Oswald."

How did Oswald support his family here?

According to the records of a local coffee processor, he was employed as an oiler in the maintenance dept. from May 10, 1963, to July 19. At that time, he was dismissed, simply because he wasn't doing the job, a company spokesman said.

The foreman described him as "[illegible] and often

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